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SUBJECT: DEPUTY MINISTER SEMENOV'S STATEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 11, 1975
(SALT TWO-785)

THE FOLLOWING ARE STATEMENTS DELIVERED BY DEPUTY MINISTER
SEMENOV AT THE SALT TWO MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1975.

IN THE COURSE OF PAST EXCHANGES OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE
DELEGATIONS, CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION WAS GIVEN TO DISCUSSION
OF THE FORMULATIONS OF ARTICLE XVIII, PAR. 2, CONCERNING
THE FUNCTIONS OF THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION WITH
RESPECT TO THE AGREEMENT BEING WORKED OUT FOR THE PERIOD UNTIL
THE END OF 1985.

THE PROPOSAL ON THE FUNCTIONS OF THE SCC WITH RESPECT
TO THE NEW AGREEMENT, TABLED BY THE USSR DELEGATION ON
JULY 7, 1975, IS BASED ON STRICT CONFORMITY OF THESE FUNC-
TIONS TO THOSE OBJECTIVES AND TASKS WHICH THE COMMISSION WILL
FACE IN THE COURSE OF COMPLIANCE BY THE SIDES WITH THEIR

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OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE NEW AGREEMENT.

IN DETERMINING THE FUNCTIONS OF THE SCC, THERE SHOULD BE NO ROOM FOR ATTEMPTS TO INTRODUCE, UNDER ONE PRETEXT OR ANOTHER, ELEMENTS THAT WOULD BE IN CONFLICT WITH THE BASIC PROVISIONS OF THE NEW AGREEMENT, UNDERSTANDING ON WHICH WAS ACHIEVED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. THIS APPLIES FIRST OF ALL TO THE AGREED PRINCIPLE OF VERIFICATION, BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS, OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE LIMITATIONS BEING ESTABLISHED, AS WELL AS TO THE PROVISIONS ON MODERNIZATION AND REPLACEMENT AND ON THE RIGHT OF THE SIDES TO DETERMINE FOR THEMSELVES THE COMPOSITION OF THE SYSTEMS BEING LIMITED. IT WOULD ALSO BE UNJUSTIFIED TO INTRODUCE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS WHICH GO BEYOND THE FRAMEWORK OF THE AGREEMENT BEING WORKED OUT, OR WHICH INJECT UNNECESSARY COMPLICATIONS. WE HAVE EXPRESSED THE SOVIET SIDE'S POSITION ON THESE ISSUES MORE THAN ONCE.

GUIDED BY THE DESIRE TO RESOLVE REMAINING PROBLEMS IN A CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT AND ON A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE BASIS, AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CONSIDERATIONS EXPRESSED IN THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, THE USSR DELEGATION SUBMITS A NEW PROPOSAL ON SUBPARS. (B) AND (E) OF ARTICLE XVIII(2).

BEGIN BRACKETS TEXT, ATTACHED HERETO, WAS READ AND HANDED OVER. END BRACKETS

TOGETHER WITH THE SOVIET WORDING OF THE OTHER PROVISIONS WITHIN ARTICLE XVIII, PAR. 2, CONCERNING THE FUNCTIONS OF THE SCC, PROPOSED ON JULY 7, 1975, THE NEW PROPOSAL WOULD SERVE AS A SUBSTANTIAL MEASURE AIMED AT INCREASING MUTUAL TRUST. IT PROVIDES AN ADEQUATE SOLUTION WITH REGARD TO THE CONTENT OF SCC ACTIVITIES WITH RESPECT TO THE NEW AGREEMENT.

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS CONFIDENCE THAT THE NEW PROPOSAL OF THE SOVIET SIDE FOR ARTICLE XVIII WILL SUBSTANTIALLY FACILITATE PROGRESS IN REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE FORMULATIONS OF ARTICLE XVIII, PAR. 2, AS WELL AS ON RESOLVING QUESTIONS THAT COULD ARISE IN THE COURSE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW AGREEMENT.

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BEGIN BRACKETS RESPONDING TO AMBASSADOR JOHNSON'S PLENARY STATEMENT, MINISTER SEMENOV SAID: END BRACKETS

MR. AMBASSADOR,

THE PROPOSAL YOU HAVE SET FORTH FOR ARTICLE XVI WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE AUTHORITIES OF THE SOVIET UNION AND WILL BE STUDIED BY THE SOVIET SIDE.

MR. AMBASSADOR,

IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR REMARKS TODAY CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF FORWARD-BASED NUCLEAR SYSTEMS AND THE EXISTENCE AND BUILDUP OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN THIRD COUNTRIES, I HAVE THE FOLLOWING TO SAY.

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THROUGHOUT THE NEOGTIATIONS ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMS, FROM THEIR INITIAL STAGE UP TO THE PRESENT, THE SOVIET UNION HAS FIRMLY ADHERED TO THE VIEW THAT THE PROBLEM OF LIMITING STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS REQUIRES THAT ALL NUCLEAR SYSTEMS BE CONSIDERED WHICH ARE CAPABLE OF REACHING THE TERRITORY OF THE OTHER SIDE.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS, WE HAVE EMPHASIZED HERE THAT A BUILDUP IN FORWARD-BASED NUCLEAR SYSTEMS WOULD UNDERMINE THE EFFECTIVENESS AND VIABILITY OF THE AGREEMENT BEING WORKED OUT, AND WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT STRATEGIC STABILITY. AND CONVERSELY, REDUCTION OF NUCLEAR SYSTEMS, WHICH DUE TO THEIR GEOGRAPHICAL DEPLOYMENT ARE CAPABLE OF REACHING THE

TERRITORY OF THE SOVIET UNION, WOULD BE WHOLLY CONSISTENT WITH THE INTERESTS OF ENSURING THE EFFECTIVENESS AND STABILITY OF THE NEW AGREEMENT, AND WOULD CONSTITUTE A MOST IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO COMPLEMENTING POLITICAL DETENTE BY DETENTE IN THE MILITARY FIELD.

A REDUCTION IN FORWARD-BASED NUCLEAR SYSTEMS WOULD BE
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FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THE FOAL OF THE FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS, AS AGREED BETWEEN THE SIDES, ON FURTHER LIMITATION AND POSSIBLE REDUCTION OF STRATEGIC ARMS.

THE SOVIET SIDE ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SIDES WITH RESPECT TO THIS IMPORTANT QUESTION WHICH REQUIRES FURTHER SERIOUS CONSIDERATION IN CONNECTION WITH WORKING OUT THE DRAFT OF THE NEW AGREEMENT.

AS FOR FUTURE NEOGITATIONS ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMS, BEING GUIDED BY INSTRUCTIONS, I MUST EMPHASIZE THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL IN THE FUTURE, TOO, INSIST ON RESOLVING THE QUESTION OF FORWARD-BASED NUCLEAR SYSTEMS AND THE QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN THE EXISTENCE AND BUILDUP OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN THIRD COUNTRIES.

THE SOVIET SIDE ALSO REAFFIRMS ITS STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH ARTICLE XVI OF THE DRAFT, TO THE EFFECT THAT AT THE NEGOTIATIONS REFERRED TO IN THAT ARTICLE, IT WILL RAISE THE QUESTIONS CONCERNING FORWARD-BASED NUCLEAR SYSTEMS AND THE EXISTENCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN THIRD COUNTRIES.

WORDING FOR ARTICLE XVIII, PAR. 2

"(B) ADDRESS INQUIRIES AS NECESSARY, AND PROVIDE INFORMATION ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS, INCLUDING BY WAY OF REPLY TO THESE INQUIRIES, THAT EITHER PARTY CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO ASSURE CONFIDENCE IN COMPLIANCE WITH OBLIGATIONS ASSUMED;

(E) AGREE UPON PROCEDURES AND DATES FOR DISMANTLING OR DESTRUCTION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS IN CASES PROVIDED FOR BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT, AS WELL AS PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL OF SUCH ARMS FROM THE AGGREGATE NUMBERS WHEN THEY OTHERWISE CEASE TO BE SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS AGREEMENT;"JOHNSON

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